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SUBJECT: MODE - PENDING ELIMINATION OF USDA/FAS OFFICER
POSITION IN UK

REF: (A) LONDON 07091, (B) STATE 087890, (C) 77 STATE
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1.
DEPARTMENT HAS JUST RECEIVED REQUEST FROM USDA/FOREIGN
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE TO AWARD DIPLOMATIC TITLE TO AGRICUL-
TURAL AFFAIRS OFFICER FRANK L. WADDLE, GS-14, BEING AS-
SIGNED LONDON ON DIRECT TRANSFER FROM SEOUL VICE GERALD
W. SHELDEN ETA AUGUST 18.

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IN VIEW OF COM ASSESSMENT RECONFIRMED IN PARAS TWO AND
THREE REFTEL (A), THAT FAS STAFF SHOULD BE REDUCED WE
ARE UNCERTAIN WHETHER WADDLE'S ASSIGNMENT HAS BEEN CLEAR-
ED WITH EMBASSY. DESPITE INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL AGENCIES (REF-
TEL (C)) TO CLEAR WITH EUR/EX PROPOSED REPLACEMENTS IN
VULNERABLE POSITIONS AT LONDON, USDA DID NOT SEEK SUCH
CLEARANCE HERE ON WADDLE. WE CANNOT BE CERTAIN, BUT INFO

WE HAVE SUGGESTS THE POSITION IN QUESTION IS THE ONLY FAS OFFICER SLOT IN LONDON DUE TO ROTATE BEFORE JULY 79. USDA HAS APPEALED TO THE SMRG THE EUR RULING SUMMARIZED STATE 087890, BUT FINAL DECISION NOT YET RENDERED.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY VIEWS WHETHER DEPARTMENT SHOULD WITHHOLD WADDLE'S TITLE AND REQUEST USDA TO EXPLAIN SEEMING EVASION OF PROCEDURES. OF COURSE, FAS SLOT APPARENTLY DUE FOR ROTATION FY 79 COULD BE THE ONE MARKED FOR REDUCTION, IF COM PREFERS. VANCE

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